

REMARKS

Claim 53 has been amended to change the spelling of the word noted by the Examiner.

Claims 1-8, 11-17, 20-23 and 44-47 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Forslow (US 2002/0133534), in particular by paragraphs [0105]-[0110]. Claims 9, 10, 18, 19, 24-43 and 48-56 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forslow in view of Hansén (IPsec and Mobile-IP in Mobile Ad Hoc Networking, 04/25/2000).

Without admitting that the Applicants are in agreement with the Examiner's rationale for rejecting these claims, each of the independent claims has been amended above. For example, claim 1 now recites in part that the:

"gateway is arranged to identify automatically when a communication session exists between two mobile workstations both of which are connected in the external portion of the network **by detecting a packet sent from one of the two mobile workstations to the other one of the two mobile workstations**, said gateway further configured to **inform a virtual network connectivity manager of the detected communication session between the two mobile workstations so as to enable said virtual network connectivity manager to send first security information to the first mobile workstation and second security information to the second mobile workstation using a secure communication, where the first mobile workstation uses the first security information and the second mobile workstation uses the second security information to enable a second secure communication by which further information is transferable securely between the first mobile workstation and the second mobile workstation without passing through the internal secured portion of the network.**

Claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at least page 9, lines 7-11, and page 11, line 20, to page 13, line 31, and in Figure 2. No new matter is added.

Claim 1 as now further clarified is clearly not anticipated by Forslow, nor is it rendered

unpatentable by the proposed combination of Forslow and Hansén.

Each of the other independent claims has been amended as well so as to at least refer to the virtual network connectivity manager. For example, claim 12 has been amended to state that the network further includes:

"a virtual network connectivity manager configured to send first security information to the first mobile workstation and second security information to the second mobile workstation using a secure communication, where the first mobile workstation uses the first security information and the second mobile workstation uses the second security information to enable a second secure communication by which further information is transferable securely between the first mobile workstation and the second mobile workstation without passing through the internal secured portion of the network".

Claim 12 as now further clarified is clearly not anticipated by Forslow, nor is it rendered unpatentable by the proposed combination of Forslow and Hansén.

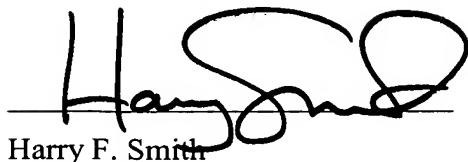
Still further by example, mobile workstation claim 23 has been amended to state that the receiving means is:

arranged to receive, from a virtual network connectivity manager, first security information using said secure communication means by which further information is transferable securely between the mobile workstation and the another mobile workstation without passing through the internal secured portion of the network

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and remove the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 103(a) and to allow all of the pending claims as now presented for examination. An early notification of the allowability of all of the claims is earnestly solicited.

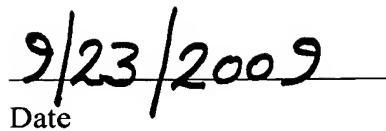
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